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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON POST COVERAGE OF CHILE HUMAN RIGHTS  
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1. ON EVE OF OASGA CONSIDERATION OF OASHRC REPORT, WASHINGTON POST MAY 15 RAN FOUR EXTENSIVE CHILE ITEMS. USIA IS REPEATING TEXTS VIA SIGNALS OR ARF WIRELESS CHANNELS. HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW.

2. DIUGUID STORY ("AN EFFORT SURFACES AT OAS TO EVADE CHILE RIGHTS ISSUE") REPORTS PROPOSAL ADVANCED AT CLOSED SESSION BY COSTA RICAN FONMIN FACIO THAT "HUMAN RIGHTS DOCUMENTS (ON CHILE) SIMPLY 'BE TAKEN NOT OF' WITHOUT DISCUSSION," WITH FURTHER CONSIDERATION DEFERRED TO NEXT OASGA WHEN UNHRC FINDINGS WOULD BE AVAILABLE. ACCORDING STORY, FACIO PROPOSAL "FOUND WIDE SUPPORT AMONG LATIN DELEGATES OF DIVERSE POLITICAL PERSUASION..." . IAHCR CHAIRMAN IS QUOTED AS COMMENTING, "THE COMMISSION IS PRESENTLY THE MOST VIGOROUS ORGAN OF THEOAS. IF THEY WANT TO KILL IT, (THIS WILL) KILL IT." ARTICLE REPORTS INTENT OF UNITED STATES  
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AND MEXICO TO SPEAK ON ISSUE.

3. UNDER HEADLINE "CHILE TO ALLOW ACCESS TO JAILED TORTURERS", OMANG RECOUNTS 35 MINUTE INTERVIEW WITH

PRESIDENT PINOCHET ON MAY 12. IN IT PINOCHET IS QUOTED AS OFFERING WASHINGTON POST ACCESS TO CONVICTED TORTURERS. WHEN OMANG INTERVIEWS ONE, HE TURNS OUT TO HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH OFFENSE ENTIRELY UNRELATED TO TORTURE, BUT PINOCHET PROMISES TO "FACILITATE" OTHER INTERVIEWS. PRESIDENT HOLDS COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILE'S POOR IMAGE, ESTIMATES DOMESTIC OPPOSITION AT HARD-CORE ONE-THIRD OF POPULATION, AND REJECTS EARLY ELECTIONS OR LIFTING OF STATE OF SIEGE. ACCORDING TO STORY, PINOCHET ASCRIBED DOMESTIC PROBLEMS IN UNITED STATES TO COMMUNIST INFILTRATION: "IF YOU DON'T REALIZE IT, YOU'RE GOING TO FALL...LIKE A RIPE FRUIT. RUSSIA IS GOING TO DOMINATE THE ENTIRE WORLD." PINOCHET CITED RECENT NEW INTERNAL SECURITY LAW AS EVIDENCE THAT GOC DESIRES "TO KEEP ABUSES FROM OCCURRING." FINAL PART OF INTERVIEW HAS OMANG QUESTIONING PINOCHET ABOUT DISAPPEARANCE AND DEATH OF CEDOMIL LUIS LAUSIC GLASINOVIC, WHOSE ALLEGEDLY TORTURED FEMAINS SHE VIEWED IN MORGUE, AND WHO HAD BEEN SUBJECT OF NUMEROUS HABEAS CORPUS REQUESTS. PINOCHET RESPONSE IS THAT MANY SUCH REQUESTS ARE ON NON-EXISTENT PEOPLE, THAT PERSON BY THAT NAME HAD NEVER BEEN DETAINED, AND THAT WOUNDS OMANG SAID SHE SAW MIGHT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED IN ANY NUMBER OF CIRCUMSTANCES.

4. PINOCHET'S REMARKS ARE FOLLOWED BY ARTICLE RELATING PURPORTED CIRCUMSTANCES OF LAUSIC CASE: ARREST BY DINA, INTERNMENT AT VILLA GRIMALDI, UNSUCCESSFUL HABEAS CORPUS HISTORY.

5. FINAL ARTICLE, DATELINED IN ARGINTINA, RELATES DIFFICULTIES BEING EXPERIENCED BY CHILEAN AND URUGUAYAN REFUGEES AT CAMPS UNDER UNHGR AUSPICES, IN FACE OF MOUNTING ARGENTINE OFFICIAL HOSTILITY TO THEM. KISSINGER

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